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REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, the Examiner maintained her rejections of claims 15 and 16 and indicated that claims 2, 3, 6-8 and 17-21 were allowed.¹ Applicants have now cancelled claims 15 and 16. Accordingly, this case is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment. If for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

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¹ Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner on August 4, 2005 and advised her that she (1) indicated that claim 21 was allowable at pages 1 and 5 of the above-referenced Office Action, but (2) rejected claim 21 at page 3. It appears that perhaps the rejection of claim 21 at page 3 was inadvertent since the text is an exact copy of the same rejection made in the December 21, 2004 Office Action, and did not address or respond to Applicants' amendments made March 21, 2005 (see Office Action at pages 4-5, para. 6-9). To the extent that Examiner is rejecting claim 21, Applicants respectfully request that a new Office Action be issued and the time period for responding thereto reset.